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SUBJECT: BRENDAN M. JONES - NEW YORK TIMES

- 1. BRENDAN M. JONES, FINANCIAL NEWS WRITER ON THE STAFF OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, WILL TRAVEL EXTENSIVELY IN AFRICA BETWEEN OCTOBER AND MID DECEMBER. THIS WILL BE MR. JONES' THIRTEENTH SUCH TRIP TO AFRICA IN CONNECTION WITH THE TIMES' ANNUAL ECONOMIC REVIEW OF AFRICA, A SPECIAL SECTION USUALLY PUBLISHED IN JANUARY WHICH MR. JONES PRODUCES.
- 2. MR. JONES REGULARLY SUBMITS NOTICE OF HIS TRAVEL THROUGH COMMERCE AND HE REPORTS THE OVERSEAS POSTS HAVE BEEN "MOST HELPFUL" TO HIM IN BRIEFINGS AND GOVERNMENT-UNCLASSIFIED

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BUSINESS CONTACTS. HIS ARRIVAL-DEPARTURE DATES NECESSAR-

ILY ARE TENTATIVE FOR THIS TYPE OF TRAVEL, BUT HE REPORTS THAT HE HAS USUALLY ADHERED QUITE CLOSELY TO HIS ADVANCE SCHEDULE.

3. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO EXTEND TO MR. JONES ALL REASONABLE ASSISTANCE TO ENABLE HIM TO ACCOMPLISH HIS OBJECTIVES. SPECIFICALLY HE WOULD APPRECIATE AT EACH POST: (A) INITIAL GOOD BACKGROUNDER INTERVIEWS WITH ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL OFFICERS. THE INTERVIEWS SHOULD NOT ONLY COVER THE SPECIFIC COUNTRY BUT, AS MUCH AS

POSSIBLE, TAKE IN THE REGIONAL CONDITIONS; (B) ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING INTERVIEWS WITH FORTHRIGHT AND WELL-TUNED-IN NATIONAL OFFICIALS AND/OR BUSINESS LEADERS; (C) SUGGESTIONS BY EMBASSY OFFICERS FOR REGIONAL OR BROAD FEATURE STORIES.

4. SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE WHICH MR. JONES WOULD HOPE TO OBTAIN THROUGH OVERSEAS POSTS INCLUDE THE

FOLLOWING: (A) JOHANNESBURG - ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING A TOUR OF A MAJOR NEW PORT AREA - RICHARDS BAY; (B) GHANA - ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING SUBSTANTIVE INTERVIEWS ON THE VOLTA RIVER DAM AND PLANS FOR MORE HYDRO DAMS IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES; (C) IVORY COAST AND NIGERIA - ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING INTERVIEWS ON THE USE OF HYDRO ELECTRICITY IN AFRICA.

5. MR. JONES' ITINERARY IS: FREETOWN, OCTOBER 14, BROOK-FIELD HOTEL; ABIDJAN, OCTOBER 20 OR 21, GRAND HOTEL; ACCRA, OCTOBER 27, AMBASSADOR HOTEL; JOHANNESBURG, NOVEMBER 3, CARLTON HOTEL; CAN PHUMO, NOVEMBER 9 OR 10, HOTEL TURISMO; NAIROBI, NOVEMBER 12, NEW STANLEY HOTEL; ADDIS ABABA, NOVEMBER 17, GHION HOTEL; ACCRA, NOVEMBER 22, AMBASSADOR HOTEL; FREETOWN, DECEMBER 2, BROOKFIELD HOTEL; AND DAKAR, DECEMBER 8, HOTEL LA CROIX DU SUD. KISSINGER

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